

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. This is a clear attempt to bias public opinion on the most important decisions US citizens will have to make: who to vote as the next president of the United States.

Because Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, the company is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This action is a clear violation of this policy. Unfortunately, when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.